

Minutes: Leesburg Tree Commission February 23, 2004

The Leesburg Tree Commission met on Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. Staff present for the meeting was Jay Banks.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Acting Chair Hower
 Commissioner Goolsby
 Commissioner Pritchard
 Commissioner Perry
 Commissioner Bessa

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Pritchard made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2003 as amended.

Motion: Pritchard

Second: Perry

Carried: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Goolsby and Gary Pritchard attended the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Acting Chairman Hower talked about changing the Tree Commission's Bylaws due to the change Town Council made to its appointment process for Boards and Commissions.

Commissioner Pritchard made a motion to change the election of officers to reflect the fiscal year rather than the calendar year.

Motion: Pritchard

Second: Goolsby

Denied: 0-5

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The Tree Commission had a brief discussion regarding the motion that Commissioner Pritchard made. The Commission decided to hold the elections for this year and then look at the Bylaws.

Election of Officers:

Commissioner Pritchard made a motion to nominate Commissioner Hower for Chairman.

Motion: Pritchard
Second: Goolsby
Carried: 4-0

Commissioner Perry made a motion to nominate Commissioner Goolsby for Vice Chairman.

Motion: Perry
Second: Bessa
Carried: 4-0

Commissioner Goolsby made a motion to nominate Commissioner Perry for Vice Chairman.

Motion: Goolsby
Second: NA
Carried: NA

Commissioner Perry declined the nomination for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Pritchard made a motion to change Article 1 Section 1-1 on the third line and the fifth line where it says calendar year to fiscal year and change the second line to say term shall commence on the second meeting of the commission each new fiscal year and the third line also changed to the second meeting of the new fiscal year.

Motion: Pritchard
Second: Goolsby
Carried: 5-0

Commissioner Pritchard made a motion to change the first sentence in Article 4 Section 4-1 to read the Tree Commission will meet the third Monday of the month or more often as necessary upon the call of the Chairperson or two or more members at 25 West Market Street and also change 4-1 (b) to read No new business items will be considered after 9:00 p.m.

Motion: Pritchard
Second: Bessa
Carried: 5-0

Commissioner Pritchard stated that the Flower and Garden Show will be held on April 17th & 18th and Arbor Day on April 24th and set up for Arbor Day will be April 23rd.

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Mr. Banks stated that the seedlings are ordered for the Flower and Garden Show. The Flower and Garden Show will be from 10-6 on Saturday and Sunday 10-5.

The Tree Commission discussed what times the Commissioners will cover the booth for the Flower and Garden Show and set up will be done Saturday morning before the show.

Commissioner Perry talked about getting a banner for the Tree Commission to use for shows either to hang as a banner or to put on the table.

The Tree Commission discussed Arbor Day and who could help set up on April 23rd and who could attend and help run the booth on April 24th.

The Tree Commission discussed planting a tree in memory of Chairman Wolf.

Commissioner Perry discussed putting a dedication for Chairman Wolf on the Plant a Tree for Me program.

The Tree Commission discussed putting a presentation together to present to the Town Council regarding the State of Leesburg's Urban Forest.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Hower talked about the Tree Commission's presentation that was given to the EAC on Wednesday February 11th.

Mr. Banks presented the Leesburg Land Cover Change from 1992-2001.

The Tree Commission decided to have a worksession meeting on March 10, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to prepare their presentation on the State of Leesburg's Urban Forest to the Town Council.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Mr. Banks stated that the Tree Commission was copied on a memo that he wrote to the Zoning Administrator regarding tree planting in the right-of-way due to the expansion of the Town Hall building. The Zoning Administrator is preparing a Zoning Ordinance amendment to allow street trees in the right-of-way. Mr. Banks stated that there are some workshops coming up that might be of some interest to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:

Commissioner Goolsby stated that he received a call from a former Tree Commissioner Jim Hicks who wanted to pass on his condolences for Commissioner Wolf.

Commissioner Hower talked about Commissioner Wolf's service and also stated he has been voted on at the County Board of Supervisors on February 17th to serve on the Open Space Advisory Committee.

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COUNCILMANIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Perry
Second: Goolsby
Carried: 5-0

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Jay S. Banks, Urban Forester